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SUBJECT:R/V HERO CRUISES 75-5 AND 75-6

1. R/V HERO OWNED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
AND OPERATED AS A PUBLIC VESSEL BY HOLMES AND NARVER, INC.,
400 EAST ORANGETHORPE AVENUE, ANAHEIM, CAL. 92801, SUB-
MITTED ITINERARY FOR PERIOD 8 SEPTEMBER TO 10 NOVEMBER.
FOLLOWING WORK IS PROPOSED.

2. CRUISE 75-5 - DEPARTS USHUAIA 8 SEPTEMBER TO STUDY
DISTRIBUTION AND TO MAKE POPULATION ESTIMATES OF MINKE
WHALES IN WESTERN SOUTH ATLANTIC AND RETURNS USHUAIA
6 OCTOBER. ESTIMATES WILL BE MADE USING TWO DIFFERENT
TECHNIQUES: AT SEA SIGHTINGS AND MARK-RECAPTURE. THIS
PROJECT, UNDER DIRECTION OF DR. ROBERT L. BROWNELL, JR.,
OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WILL INVOLVE WORK WITHIN
CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF ARGENTINA. RESULTS OF THIS
PROJECT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOA. INVITATIONS ARE
BEING EXTENDED BY NSF TO ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN BIOLOGISTS
TO PARTICPATE IN PROJECT.

3. CRUISE 75-6 - DEPARTS USHUAIA 13 OCTOBER, TRANSITS
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BEAGLE CHANNEL, AND PROCEEDS TO VICINITY OF ANVERS ISLAND
TO CONDUCT EARLY SEASON PACK-ICE STUDIES OF ANTARCTIC

SEALS. CONTACT WILL THEN BE MADE WITH ICE PACK TONGUE

WHICH BULGES OUT OF THE WEDDELL SEA, NORTH AND WEST OF THE SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. TECHNIQUES OF DATA COLLECTION INCLUDE VISUAL SIGHTING, ACOUSTIC RECORDING, ATTACHMENT OF SONIC TAGS FOR RADIO TRACKING, AND THE COLLECTION OF BLOOD AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES. CRUISE WILL TERMINATE IN USHUAIA ON 10 NOVEMBER. PROJECT WILL BE HEADED BY DR. R. J. HOFMAN OF UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA. ONE SPACE HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR AN ARGENTINE SCIENTIST. RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH GOA. NO PORTS WILL BE VISITED DURING CRUISES. SHIP'S TRACK WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM.

4. R/V HERO IS WOODEN HULLED SAIL EQUIPPED DIESEL DRIVEN TRAWLER, 125 FT LONG, 300 TONS DISPLACEMENT. RADIOTELEPHONE FREQUENCY 2182 KHZ INCONSTANTLY MONITORED. MASTER OF R/V HERO IS PIETER LENIE, SHIP CARRIES CREW OF 12 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 4 WITH SPACE AVAILABLE FOR HOST COUNTRY SCIENTIST AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.

5. ACTION REQUIRED: (A) REQUEST GOA CLEARANCE FOR WORK WITHIN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS. (B) REQUEST GOA PORT CLEARANCE FOR USHUAIA FOR PERIODS 1-8 SEPTEMBER AND 6-13 OCTOBER. (C) REQUEST NOTIFY DEPT OF NAME AND ADDRESS OF HOST COUNTRY SCIENTIST IF NOMINATED BY GOA. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE NSF INTENDS INVITE LICENCIADO HUGO P. CASTELLO, MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, "RIVADAVIA" BUENOS AIRES FOR CRUISE 75-6. KISSINGER

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